(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that IT companies have discussed above issue with Germany and Japan to deal with the proposition relating to outsourcing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) Government is aware that about 60% software exports from India is to USA. However, our industry is not dependant only on US market for their export as with the maturing of the global market, exports to other countries are increasing.

(c) and (d) Exploring possibilities of increasing export to potential markets is an on-going exercise and all necessary steps like participating in trade fairs, exhibitions, IT events, delegations etc. is undertaken by the industry and they are supported by the Government in their efforts.

Issuance of Stamps on Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar

1720. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion has been made to Government that stamps should be issued on Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar, the living legends, for their grand contribution in respective fields; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: (a) A proposal for issue of stamp on Lata Mangeshkar has been received. No proposal has been received for issue of stamp on Sachin Tendulkar.

(b) The guidelines for issue of commemorative stamp stipulate that a stamp on a living personality may not be issued. Therefore it would not be possible to release stamps on Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar.